(c) and (d) Air India/Indian Airlines also have interline/FFP tie-ups with foreign airlines. It is not possible to assess loss to Air India and Indian Airlines due to such tie-ups.

Development of Mandakalli airport at Mysore

2170. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to take up the development of Mandakalli airport at Mysore in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the extent of land sought for by Government;

(c) whether the Airports Authority of India has made any survey;

(d) whether the State Government of Karnataka has entered into the MoU with the Airports Authority of India agreeing to the terms and conditions proposed by Government; and

(e) what is the present status of the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 175 acres of land.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Airports Authority of India (AAI) is in the process of finalizing an MoU with the State Government of Karnataka for development of Mandakalli airport at Mysore. The project details would be finalized after the required land is handed over to AAI.

Recruitment of pilots by IA

2171. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Airlines has decided to induct large number of pilots for its global flights; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Indian Airlines is inducting new flights for expanding its operations in the National and the International sector?